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SUBJECT: ISRAELI REACTION TO PANMUNJOM INCIDENT

REF: STATE 211862

1. ISRAELI PRESS GAVE FULL COVERAGE TO INCIDENT
AND EDITORIAL COMMENT, GENERALLY CONFINED TO AUG 22, 23
EDITIONS, SUPPORTED US VERSION WITHOUT RESERVATION.
ONE OF THE MORE VOCIFEROUS OBSERVATIONS WAS THIS
COMMENT IN THE POPULAR AFTERNOON DAILY, YEDIOT
ACHRONOT: THE NORTH KOREAN LEADER, "ONE OF THE MOST
HARDENED STALINISTS STILL IN POWER," HAS A LESSON TO
LEARN FROM THE US TOUGH POSITION IN THE KOREAN
INCIDENT -- "THE AMERICAN LION CAN STILL ROAR,
AND EVEN MORE MIGHTILY DURING THE PRESIDENTIAL
CAMPAIGN, SO THAT WORLD PEACE MAY BE PRESERVED WHILE
AMERICANS ARE BUSY ELECTING THEIR PRESIDENT."

2. DESPITE THE PRESENT RELATIVELY RELAXED ATMOSPHERE
HERE, AFFORDING ISRAELIS AN UNUSUAL OPPORTUNITY TO
SIT BACK AND LOOK AT THE WORLD OUTSIDE THE MIDDLE
EAST, THE INCIDENT PROVIDED ONLY PASSING INTEREST
AMONG THE PUBLIC. PERHAPS THE MOST COMMON REACTION
WAS PUZZLEMENT AS TO WHY THE NORTH KOREANS
WOULD PRECIPITATE A CRISIS NOW. WHILE THERE
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IS NO QUESTION THAT THEIR CYNICAL VIEW OF THE COM-

MUNIST WORLD WOULD PREDISPOSE THEM AUTOMATICALLY TO
SYMPATHY WITH AMERICAN OUTRAGE, ISRAELIS APPEAR
SANGUINE THAT REACTIONS WILL BE CONTROLLED AND
LOCALIZED.
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